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EDITOR'S SPECIAL NOTICE

This week's bulletin was sent out earlier than normal to accommodate the late ARRL DX SSB Contest announcements. Also, we wanted to provide the readers with a consolidated listing of the ARRL DX SSB Contest participants.

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Friday, 26th-February, through Friday, 5th-March there were 235 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1U, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9U, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, R1FJ, S2, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T2, T30, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9C, VK9W, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP8/s, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZK2, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3W, VIETNAM (Update/Satellite Activity [VERY RARE IOTA - #2])

An inter- national group of operators will be active as 3W6C from **Con Co Island (AS-185)**, Vietnam, in April 10-18th, 2010. This multi-national project, being coordinated by Swiss ham-radio operators, consists of roughly 20 individuals including one woman and members not only from Switzerland but also from Vietnam, Germany, USA and Japan. Operators mentioned as of today: Team Leader Hans-Peter/HB9BXE, Jan/DJ8NK, Hans/HB9BHW, Rene/HB9BQI, Christine/HB9BQW, Thomas/HB9BSH, Hans-Jurg/HB9DKZ, Paul/HB9DST/AA1MI, Friedhelm/HB9JBI, Matthias/HB9JCI, Peter/HB9PJT, Rolf/HB9TVR, Bob/K4UEE, Eddy/XV1X, Bac/XV2A, Quang/XV2B, Michal/XV9DX and Torsten/XV9TH.

During their stay they plan to have 4 stations on the air. Their goal is to make contacts on as many different frequencies as possible, even on the 80 meter and 160 meter bands which makes this DXpedition very special. Announced this past week, the team will also be on the satellites. The crew will use a FT-897 TRX with homebrewed "Easysat" - antenna for 2m and 70cm and a home-brewed 10m cross-dipole. **The following satellite will be used: AO-07*, AO-51*, HO-68*, SO-50 and SO-67 (*first priority - not all overflights and sats will be used).** Please note, that only AO-07 will be activated in the SBB/CW-mode. All other satellites are in the FM-mode. The main areas in the footprint are: East-Asia, Japan, China, India, Australia and eastern part of Russia. If possible, the 3W6C Team will also use some DX-Windows to near east and west part of Russia. Operation note: The main operator for the satellites is Hans-Peter/HB9BXE. Hans- Peter doesn't use a CAT-Interface for doppler correction. The equipment is in full manual use. It is important to know that Hans-Peter doesn't hear his own downlink. For AO-07, he will not make any doppler correction in his uplink. Hans-Peter will search some signals +/- 5 kHz around the downlink frequency (quasi splitmode like shortwave). If there is a pileup on the satellite, please use only callsign, signal strength and grid square. All crew members are primary shortwave operators. So please be patient if they have some troubles with the sat-operation. Complete details about the 3W6C operation are available at:

http://www.3w6c.qrv.ch

8Q, MALDIVES

Noel, F6BGC, will be active as 8Q7NC from **Madoogali, North Male Atoll (AS-013)** between March 1321st. Activity will be holiday style on 80-6 meters. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

CO8, CUBA

Eduardo, CO8LY, will be in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 6-7th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m)/QRP entry. QSL via EA7ADH. Also, look for Juan Carlos, CO8TW, to be active in the contest as a Single-OP/ Single-Band/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via HB9SVT. His log will be on-line at:

http://www.qsl.net/co8tw

CR2/CU2, AZORES (Radio Arcala Press Release)

AZORES POISED TO HIT HARD AT ARRL SSB DX CONTEST:

"The group out of Radio Arcala and their associates will put the Azores on the air on a variety of bands for the ARRL SSB weekend. CU2CE, CU2DX, OH2BH and OH8NC will be at the controls to provide you with an elusive Azores multiplier under a callsign not determined yet. Please update your CTY files to take note of the fact that the CR2 prefix along with the traditional CU2 will represent this Azorean outpost, the westernmost point of Europe, one hour behind UTC time.

Soon Radio Arcala is scheduled to hold their Annual Meeting in the Azores and may activate several stations for the WPX SSB contest. The meeting is expected to have on its agenda the important issue of broadening the scope of the original Arcalians and their mission by inviting several international partners to join the radio operator team and to enter into Radio Arcala technology partnerships."

CT8, AZORES

Operators Tom/SP5UAF and Marcin/SP5ES will be active as CT8/homecall from **Sao Miguel (EU-003)**, Azores, between March 17-29th. Activity will be on all HF bands, using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They will participate Russian DX Contest (March 20-21st) and CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 27-28th). This will be a low power (100W) activity. Antennas will be verticals and a spiderbeam. QSL via their home callsigns, by the Bureau or direct.

E2, THAILAND

Operators Dej/E21YDP and Champ/E21EIC will be active as E21YDP during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 6-7th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via E21YDP.

FR, REUNION ISLAND

Stephane, F5UOW, will once again be on holiday and active from **Reunion Island (AF-016)** between April 9th ando May 2nd. He will also be using the same callsign as last time, FR/F5UOW, but only between April 9-17th, and activity will be only on 20 meters. He will then move to another QTH were he will use the callsign TO2R and will be active on 80-10 meters, mostly on CW. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Operators Edwin/HI3K, Tino/HI3CC and Rafael/HI8KW will be active in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as HI3K (March 6-7th) from Lomas del Toro in Santiago (Lomadeltoro Contest Team's HI3CCP station) (**NA-096**, WLOTA LH-2974) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via KB2MS. Visit their contest Web page at:

http://www.lomadeltoro.com

IOTA NEWS

NA-058/
NA-062. (Update) Peter, VE3IKV, who was to be active as W4/VG3RA from **St. Simons Island (NA-058)** and **Key West (NA-062)**, Florida, between March 6-13th, has cancelled his trip.

J6, ST. LUCIA

Just a reminder that Bob, G3PJT, will be active as J6/G3PJT from the northeast corner of **St. Lucia (NA-108)** between March 9-16th. Activity will be holiday style using a K2 w/100 watts

and vertical antennas. He plans to also be in the RSGB's 73rd Commonwealth Contest (March 13-14th). Look for him outside of the contest, especially on 80 and 30 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

KH6BZF PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (For March 8-14th)

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Mar   8    AN          SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS
Mar   9    AN          --------------------
Mar  10    AN           BN - Below Normal
Mar  11    AN           AN - Above Normal/Geomagnetic Level is QUIET
Mar  12    AN           LN - Low Normal
Mar  13    AN           HN - High Normal/Geomagnetic Level is UNSETTLED
Mar  14    AN           DIS  - Disturbed
                        VDIS - Very Disturbed


   GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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   QUIET - The "A" index is expected to be between
           0-7 and the "K" index will be 2 or less
   UNSETTLED - The "A" index is expected to be between
           7-16 and "K" index will be 3 or less
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MM0, SCOTLAND (GMFF Op)

Members of the Scottish-Russian ARS will activate MM0DGR/p from from the Whitlaw Mosses National Nature Reserve (GMFF-067) on Saturday, March 6th. The station will be located at Lindean Reservoir (nr. Selkirk, Scottish Borders). Reference numbers: WAB NT52, QRA Locator IO85ON. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and BPSK63. QSL cards should be sent via MM0DFV. For more info, go to:

http://www.srars.org/wff-reports/gmff-067.htm

ADDED NOTE: A new Web site is now active and dedicated to the Natural Heritage of Scotland under the WFF award program. All their informative photo and video reports will be published there. Very soon they will run their own award program. Please keep an eye on their new Web site at:

http:// www.gmff.org

PACIFIC TOUR (Update)

Hugh, K6HFA, has started his South Pacific tour this past week from Upolu Island (OC-097), Samoa. He received the callsign 5W5A and will be active until March 10th. Activity will be on CW, SSB and possibly RTTY using 100 watts into a multi-band vertical antenna (for 80-15m). Look for him on the IOTA frequencies or possibly other frequencies. Hugh plans to call by areas (EU, NA, SA, ASIA... etc..) per propagation. QSL via K6HFA. His next stops will be:

Tonga (A3) - March 12thApril 2nd; IOTAs include **OC-049, OC-064 and OC-123**.
Wallis (FW)- April 612th; IOTA **OC-054**
Tuvalu (T2)- April 1321st; IOTA **OC-015**
Fiji (3D2) - April 2326th; IOTA **OC-016 or OC-156**

Look for more details to be forthcoming.

PACIFIC TOUR (Update)

Tim, NL8F, is now active as VK9CF from **Cocos (Keeling) Island (OC-003)** until March 10th.

Activity will be on 80-10 meters, plus 6 meters, and an entry in the ARRL International DX Phone Contest (March 6-7th). From Cocos, Tim will then head to the South Cook Islands and once again operate as E51COF from **Rarotonga Island (OC-013)** between March 2030th. Activity will also be on 80-10 meters. QSL both operations via K8NA.

PB88, THE NETHERLANDS (WOTA Op)

Anneke, PB7XYL, of the WOTA CLUB (Member #12) will be active with a special callsign PB88XYL between April 3-30th. QSL via Bureau or direct. See **(QRZ.com)** for more info! This is the first activity by the "Women On The Air (WOTA)". Check out the details on:

http://wotaclub2010.blogspot.com

QSL INFO AND NEWS

NEED A QSL MANAGER? Jim, KE8G, is interested in becoming a QSL Manger for a few stations. Contact him via his E-mail address at: **ke8g@cox.net**

LOG CLOSING. Karl, DK2WV, reports that he will be closing the logs for the following operations at end of April:
Conway Reef -- **3D2WV**
Banaba -- **T33WV**
Tunisia -- **3V8W**
QSL via DK2WV (**(QRZ.com)** address).

Rick, NE8Z/HC1MD, reports that Pablo, **HC5NAI**, has passed his final test and now holds the callsign **HC5AI**. The original HC5AI was his father, Alfo. Pablo states that he can now confirm all new QSOs with his new HC5AI callsign and also any old QSO that you may have had with his father. Please send your QSL via DIRECT ONLY (w/SAE + 2.00 USDs or 1 new IRC/ properly stamped. Any IRC that is not properly validated will result in no QSL. Old IRC's will not be accepted either). The HC bureau only functions to receive cards from DX countries. There is no outgoing bureau from Ecuador any longer.

<OLD QSL COLLECTION (Update)>
Jean Michel, F6AJA, wants to remind everyone to visit the Les Nouvelles DX (LNDX) Web page to see more than 7300 old QSL cards in several different albums/galleries.

This site contains:
- The ten most wanted DXCC entities (2004 to 2008) with more than 300 QSLs
- At least one card for each 58 deleted DXCC countries (more than 1000 QSLs)
- Nearest the totality of current prefixes, disappeared now (more than 2700+ QSLs)
- Album for stations from Magrebh - 1945 to 1962 (more than 300+ QSLs) - More than 800 QSLs from the Antarctic bases.
- Nearly 240 QSLs from the TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises).
- More than 300 QSLs for the rare French Pacific Islands such as FK/C, FO/C, FO/A, FO/M, FO/C and FW
- Nearly 100 cards from Eparses Islands such as FR/B/E/G/J/T
- More than 850 cards for the old timer with more than 120 countries before 1945.
- A card from the French Department before 1945.
- One card from each of the states in the U.S. before 1945.

The URL address for the Web site is :

http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr

Some cards are still needed for the collection, and your particip- ation is welcome. Please visit their site and give them your comments by sending an E-mail to: **LesNouvellesDX@free.fr**
ADDED NOTE: A new album opened with the old cards for the D5 and DL5 stations between 1945 and 1962. Visit the URL address:

http://lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerie/galerie2.php?page=dl5qsl&pfx=DL5

SENDING QSLS TO UK8. OPDX received a report that Mike, UK8OM, states "DO NOT" send greens stamps to Uzbekistan because envelopes will be opened and they will be taken. Also, don't send envelopes. Just send an address label if you have one. Since January, only envelopes produced in Uzbekistan can be used there.

VK9X/G6AY LOG. Phil, G3SWH reports: "Just to let you know that my Web site

http://www.g3swh.org.uk
is now working again and I've just uploaded the log of 10,256 QSOs to the search facility. The site apparently crashed under the weight of the number of hits on the first couple of days on top of my normal monthly traffic but automatically reset itself at the end of February. The log will be uploaded to LoTW in the next few days, subject to getting a certificate from ARRL."

QSLS VIA LoTW: C5YK, C56SMT, CX7TT, DL775TMG, DL9MEN, E51WWA, E51WWB, EI4GNB, F6HRP, GI4SIZ, HA2EOA, HZ1PS, IT9KCD, JM1XCW, K4M, LZ2BE, OX3XR, OY2J, T70A, TX4T, UR5EDU, UT2FF/A, VK9X/G6AY, VP8LP, W5KNE/NH8, XR0Y (not XR0X), YN2LJ, Z21BB and ZL1BYZ.

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3D20CR, 6W/EI6DX, 9L7NS, EU3AR, KH0AC, KC4AAA, OH0X, PY2XB/PY0F, R1FJM, RW0CWA, TF4M, UA2FF, VP9/N1SNB and XU7ACY.

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!

T03, PRINCIPALITY OF SEBORGA (Italy)

Zoli, HA3HK, will be active as T03HK (Tango Zero Three Hotel Kilo) from the Principality of Seborga between March 1214th. Bands and modes of activity were not provide. According to Wikipedia: "The Principality of Seborga is a micronation located in the northwestern Italian region of Liguria, near the French border, and in sight of Monaco. The principality is coexistent with, and claims the territory of, the town of Seborga, which is an Italian municipality."

TF, ICELAND

Siggi, TF3CW, will be active in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 6-7th) as Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. QSL via LX1NO.

V6, MICRONESIA

Operators Sho/JA7HMZ (V63DX), Koh/JA1ADT (V63DQ) and Keiichiro/JA7GYP (V63T) will be active from **Pohnpei (OC-010)** between April 11-17th. Activity will be on all bands and

modes. QSL via their home callsigns.

YU140, SERBIA (Special Event)

Members of Radio Club "Marica-Zemun" (YU1AVQ) will celebrate 140th anniversary of Voluntary Fire Brigade in the city of Zemun and will be active as YU140Z until May 31st. QSL via YU1AVQ.

YU40, SERBIA (Special Event)

Look for the prefixes YU40 and YT40 to be used by members of "YU CW Club" to commemorate its 40th anniversary.

ZK3, TOKELAU

By the time you read this, operators Bill/N7OU and Bob/ W7YAQ will be on their way to Nukunono, **Tokelau Islands (OC-048)**, and should be on the air by Sunday or Monday as ZK3OU and ZK3YA. Bill, N7OU, informs OPDX that there is a chance of a very late entry from ZK3 in the ARRL DX SSB Contest, but no one should count on it. He also states that during their 3 weeks in Samoa (5W) they made a total of 22,400 QSOs.

ZS10, SOUTH AFRICA (Special Event)

Special event station ZS10WCS will be on the air between now and July 12th (started Sept. 2009). Activity is to celebrate the 2010 Soccer World Cup being held in South Africa between June 11th and July 11th. The callsign will be operated by members of various SARL affiliated clubs. Operations through May 31st will be only on the air over weekends. However, operations between June 1st and July 12th, will be on the air 7 days a week. Frequency band selections and times will be dependent on propagation conditions. Preferred fre- quencies are:

CW - 3510, 7010, 14010, 21010 and 28010
SSB - 3780, 7080, 14180, 21280 and 28480 kHz

Electronic QSL cards must be sent to: **wcs@sarl.org.za**
All stations logged will get a special QSL card via the Buereau. Direct QSL can be sent to: PO Box 1721, Strubensvallei, 1735, South Africa. Please included a self-addressed envelope (DL size) and 1 IRC or 1 USD.

The following stations are expected to be active in the
ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 6-7th, 2010)

Thanks to Bill, NG3K, for providing OPDX readers with the following consolidated listing of the participants in the 2010 ARRL DX SSB Contest. For a more detailed listing (and up-to-date changes/corrections) in HTML format, please visit Bill's Web page at:

http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxs2010.html (By callsign)
http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxsd2010.html (By entity)

Contest Callsign	DXCC Entity	Class	QSL Route
6Y9V	Jamaica		WD9DZV
8P5A	Barbados	SOAB HP	NN1N
BX5AA	Taiwan	SOSB 20M	BX5AA
C6ANM	Bahamas	LoTW	QSL via WA2IYO direct

CO8LY	Cuba	SOSB 15M	EA7ADH
CO8TW	Cuba	SOAB LP	HB9SVT
CR2X	Azores	M/?	OH2BH
E21YDP	Thailand	M/S	E21YDP
FS/KT8X	St. Martin		LoTW
HI3K	Dominican Republic	M/S	KB2MS
J37K	Grenada	SO HP	AC8G
J68JA	St. Lucia	SO	W5JON
J7N	Dominica	SO	K3TEJ
J88DR	St. Vincent	SOAB LP	G3TBK
LX7I	Luxembourg	SO	LX2A
NP3QE	Puerto Rico	SOSB 20M	NP3QE
P40A	Aruba	SOAB	WD9DZV
PJ2T	Netherlands Antilles	SO	
PJ7B	Sint Maarten	SO LP	W8EB
S65Q	Singapore		9V1QQ
SO5A	Poland	M/S	LoTW
T46A	Cuba	M/S	CO6LC
TF3CW	Iceland	SOSB 20M	LX1NO
TI5N	Costa Rica	M/?	W3HNK
TI8M	Costa Rica	M/?	TI2KAC
TO5A	Martinique	SOAB HP	LoTW; QSL via F5VHJ, Buro or direct
V26M	Antigua	SO HP	LoTW
VK9C/NL8F	Cocos Keeling		K8NA
VP9/W6PH	Bermuda	SOAB LP	W6PH Direct
YN2EA	Nicaragua	M/S	LoTW; QSL via W5PF
ZP0R	Paraguay	SO	ZP5AZL

** IMPORTANT NOTICE/REMINDER **

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin now has a new FAX number.
Contributors can now send/fax their DX information to the following number:
1-419-828-7791 (F A X only!)

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR:

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please send mail to me via " **kb8nw@arrl.net** "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

PLEASE NOTICE (as of February 12, 2007), NEW ADDRESS CHANGES FOR THE OPDX INTERNET HELP/SUBSCRIBE/UNSUBSCRIBE REQUEST:

Help: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:help
Subscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:subscribe

Unsubscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:unsubscribe

OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE (k8yse@papays.com): http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

ALSO VISIT THE NORTERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE: http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html

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